

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 716

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Brittany Bowers, recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Commander Brittany Nichole Bowers is one such exemplary person, and her commitment to her community has been recognized by her earning the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Bowers epitomizes the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment as an active member of the Cherokee High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) where she serves as the Battalion Executive Officer, a position she was selected to because of her exceptional selfless attitude and drive; and

WHEREAS, she leads more than 175 cadets each academic semester, providing a standard in military uniform appearance and etiquette that is above reproach; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Bowers was awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart for her outstanding service to her unit, demonstrated leadership ability, maintaining a letter grade of "B" or better in all subjects, her volunteer activity in her school and community, a positive attitude toward NJROTC, and a deep-seated love of her country; and

WHEREAS, she was directly responsible for her battalion's accumulation of 9,045 hours of people and environmentally oriented, community and school supported, and community volunteer service hours, and personally completing 295 hours of community service; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Commander Brittany Bowers led the effort to completely move all furniture, school supplies, and furnishings from Cherokee High School's vocational building

classrooms and office spaces so that much needed renovations could be installed, saving Hawkins County Schools thousands of dollars' worth of man-hours; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Bowers attends all NJROTC events and can be counted on to serve whenever she is needed in any capacity that she is able; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active member of the National Beta Club Honor Society, Jr. Academic Team, Civitan Club (Officer), Yearbook Staff, Technology Students of America, and First Robotics, all while achieving a 4.0 GPA and being currently ranked tenth of 258 in her class of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Commander Brittany Bowers is an exemplary citizen, and her commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, for which she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Cadet Commander Brittany Bowers for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her for receiving the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success in all her endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.